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SUBJECT: STOLTENBERG COMMITTEE REPORT ON NORWAY'S FUTURE CONTINENTAL SHELF NEEDS IS RELEASED

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SUMMARY: THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED IN 1974 TO ESTIMATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL NEEDS TO EXERCISE RESPONSIBILITIES ON AND OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF -- THE SO-CALLED STOLTENBERG COMMITTEE -- PRESENTED ITS REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT.
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MENT ON JUNE 27. IN REPORT COMMITTEE CALLS FOR SUB-

STANTIAL EXPANSION OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY AND SERVICES
ON SHELF AND WATERS ABOVE UNDER DIRECTION OF NEW COAST
GUARD SERVICED EQUIPPED WITH ADDITIONAL SHIPS, SUBMERSIBLES,
HELICOPTERS AND AIRCRAFT. REPORT WILL BE STUDIED BY GOVERNMENT, WHICH
IS EXPECTED TO MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARLIAMENT EARLY NEXT YEAR

END SUMMARY.

1. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND NOW COMMERCE MINISTRY UNDER
SECRETARY THORVALD STOLTENBERG PRESENTED REPORT ON JUNE 27
TO DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL ON GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE
CONTINENTAL SHELF NEEDS. COMMITTEE CALLS FOR CREATION
FROM EXISTING NAVAL FISHERIES SURVEILLANCE SERVICE
A NEW COAST GUARD UNDER NAVY ADMINISTRATION
BY 1983. COMMITTEE ALSO PROPOSES THAT GOVERNMENT
INVEST 1.15 BILLION KRONER (\$230 MILLION) TO EQUIP NEW
SERVICE WITH 10 PATROL VESSELS DESIGNED FOR USING
HELICOPTERS, 3 "ORION" TYPE SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT
AND 1 DEEP DIVING SUBMERSIBLE.

2. COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT RAPID EXPANSION OF GOVERN-
MENT SERVICES ON CONSHelf WAS NEEDED WITHIN DISTINCT ECONOMIC
AND RESOURCE LIMITS. IT URGED MAXIMUM USE OF
EXISTING PEOPLE, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES, AND PROPOSED
THAT NEW COAST GUARD BE TASKED WITH PATROL AND PROTECTION
OF FISHERY EQUIPMENT; SURVEILLANCE OF CONSHelf ACTIVITIES,
INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH; AND LOCATION AND TRACKING
OF DRIFTING OBJECTS. COAST GUARD WOULD ALSO ASSIST IN
OTHER TASKS WHERE RESPONSIBILITY IS VESTED IN
OTHER DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS SEARCH AND RESCUE, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AND POLICING. IT WOULD AID OTHER DEPART-
MENTS REQUIRING VESSELS, AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS.

3. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE PROPOSED CREATION OF AN
"ACTION CENTER" SOMEWHAT LIKE US OIL SPILLS CONTINGENCY
PLANS, OF ACTION AGENCIES TO BE ACTIVATED IN EVENT OF MAJOR
OIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILLS OR OTHER CONSHelf ACCIDENT AND
A "SPECIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION" TO INVESTIGATE MAJOR ACCIDENTS
ON MOBILE AND PERMANENT INSTALLATIONS AT SEA. AS TO PREPAREDNESS
FOR WAR OR EMERGENCIES, COMMITTEE INDICATES MINISTRY OF
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INDUSTRIES WILL ESTABLISH INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY
THESE NEEDS.

4. WHILE INDICATED THAT MANY OF COAST GUARD'S TASKS WILL
SERVE CIVIL PURPOSES NEW SERVICE SHOULD COME UNDER NAVAL
ADMINISTRATION SINCE EXISTING FISHERY SURVEILLANCE
SERVICE COMES UNDER NAVY AND NAVY HAS MOST EXTENSIVE
GOVERNMENT COASTAL PHYSICAL AND MANPOWER RESOURCES.

ADDITIONALLY DEFENSE MINISTRY WOULD BE LOGICAL COORDINATOR FOR MANY OF THE TASKS REQUIRED. COMMITTEE PROPOSED THAT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, EXISTING MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD REMAIN IN RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES AND MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO EASE TRANSITION.

5. AS TO PHYSICAL RESOURCES, COMMITTEE PROPOSED COAST GUARD BE EQUIPPED WITH TEN 15 KNOT HELICOPTER-CARRYING PATROL CRAFTS, WHICH COULD OPERATE AT SPEEDS UP TO 25-27 KNOTS. SEVEN OF THESE SHIPS WOULD BE PURCHASED AND THREE CONVERTED FROM EXISTING FISHERY SURVEILLANCE FLEET. PROPOSAL ALSO CALLS FOR ONE SUBMERSIBLE WITH CAPACITY TO OPERATE AND INSPECT IN DEPTHS OF 500 METERS.

6. SQUADRON OF SIX HELICOPTERS IS ALSO RECOMMENDED AS WELL AS PURCHASE OF THREE "ORION" AIRCRAFT FOR TWICE WEEKLY CONSHORE PATROLS. COAST GUARD WOULD EMPLOY SOME 680 PEOPLE AND COST APPROXIMATELY 115 MILLION KRONER (\$23 MILLION) TO OPERATE ANNUALLY.

7. COMMITTEE'S REPORT NOW GOES TO GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AND GOVERNMENT WILL PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO STORTING PROBABLY EARLY NEXT YEAR. DEFENSE MINISTER FORSTERVOLL SAID THAT PORTIONS OF REPORT WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED BY THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE COMMISSION HEADED BY LABOR STORTING LEADER AND PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE ODVAR NORDLI.

8. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT HERE THAT NORWAY NEEDS SUCH SERVICES AND THE ISSUES ARE LIKELY TO REVOLVE AROUND : (1) THE COMPOSITION AND AUTHORITIES OF THE COAST GUARD, IN PARTICULAR THE MIX BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY ROLES AND (2) THE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS. A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNAL OF THIS CAME IN MORNING PRESS WHICH QUOTED STORTING DEFENSE COMMITTEE PER HYSING-DAHL (CONSERVATIVE) AND VICE CHAIRMAN PER UTSI (LABOR) BOTH NOW ON STORTING DEFENSE COMMITTEE VISIT TO U.S., AS AGREEING THAT ESTABLISHING SEPARATE COAST GUARD WOULD BE WASTEFUL AND THAT PROPER COURSE WOULD BE TO GIVE NAVY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO DO JOB, WHILE CHAIRMAN TOFT OF NORWEGIAN FISHERIES UNION SPOKE OUT FOR SEPARATE SURVEILLANCE SERVICE.

9. STOLTENBERG'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND DEPARTMENT JULY 8 (REFTEL A) MIGHT PROVIDE USEFUL OCCASION FOR INTERESTED PARTIES IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS WITH HIM.

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